

# 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends of the Heinz Refuge Photo Group Photo Contest

The Friends of the Heinz Refuge (FOHR) Photo Group announces its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Photography Contest. Images may be of any nature subject, from any location including landscapes, wildlife, flora, and the refuge. No domestic animals, pets, or ornamental flora. Limit 3 entries per person.

All winning entries will be displayed at the refuge and will be featured at the “Cradle of Birding” Festival on Sept. 15, 2012. Prizes will be announced at the award ceremony at 1pm in the auditorium.

Entries may be dropped off at the refuge visitor center between 8:30am-3:45pm or mailed to the refuge at 8601 Lindbergh Blvd., Philadelphia, PA. 19153, **Attention: Photo Contest. Mailed submissions will only be returned if a pre-stamped, self addressed envelope is enclosed.** Make checks payable to “FOHR Tinicum”. Late, damaged or previous winning photographs will not be accepted. All cash prizes must be claimed at the refuge by October 30, 2012. **Deadline for submissions is Sunday, August 26, 2012 at 3:30pm for ALL entries including those mailed or sent via other couriers.**

Proceeds will benefit FOHR for refuge projects. FOHR is a nonprofit, tax exempt, 501 (c)(3) association founded in 1997 to assist the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in carrying out its educational, interpretive, and public use missions.

Attach this form (or a copy) to the back of each print submitted. Do not staple. Please print.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Image Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Species: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (Children & teens): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Fee enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Teens & adults)

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\*\*\*\*\*See reverse side for important submission details\*\*\*\*\*

## **Rules, Categories, Entry Fees, and Prizes**

Only color and black and white **PRINTS**, including reasonably unaltered prints from digital files, will be accepted. Judges may reject any print that shows evidence of extreme manipulation. **All images should have a title. All teen and adult submissions must be mounted and matted and should be 8x10 inch prints with 11x14 inch mats. Children's photos should be 8x10 inches and must be mounted. Larger sized images will not be accepted. No framed images will be accepted.** Images will be judged for technique, interest and composition. The decision of the judges is final. **Species identification should be included of any plants, and/or animals depicted in the images.**

1) Children-Ages 12 and younger – no entry fee

Submissions- **8x10 inch prints only. Must be mounted.**

1<sup>st</sup> prize-\$25.00 gift certificate to Tinicum Treasures Gift Shop

2<sup>nd</sup> prize-\$15.00 gift certificate to Tinicum Treasures Gift Shop

3<sup>rd</sup> prize-\$10.00 gift certificate to Tinicum Treasures Gift Shop

2) Teens-Ages 13 – 18 Entry Fee-\$3.00 per print

Submissions- **8x10 inch prints only. Must be mounted and matted.**

1<sup>st</sup> prize-\$75.00

2<sup>nd</sup> prize-\$50.00

3<sup>rd</sup> prize-\$25.00

3) Adults – Entry Fee-\$5.00 per print

Submissions- **8x10 inch prints only. Must be mounted and matted.**

1<sup>st</sup> prize-\$100.00

2<sup>nd</sup> prize-\$50.00

3<sup>rd</sup> prize-\$25.00

There will be 2 honorable mention ribbons given in each of the age categories. There is a limit of 3 entries per person.

All winning photographs will be displayed at the Refuge for one month after awards ceremony. Submission of a photograph represents consent to the FOHR Photo Group to display and use photograph, and consent to use the photographer's name and likeness for publicity purposes in newsletters, news releases, publications, and social media. The image must be an original work of the entrant. The photographer retains all rights to their images. All photographs not claimed by October 30, 2012 become the property of the FOHR Photo Group.

Employees of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Friends of the Heinz Refuge (FOHR), and other volunteers are neither liable for injuries to any person nor responsible for any damage or loss of property. Utmost care will be taken with all entries, however, the FOHR Photo Group is not responsible for damage or loss.

Questions? Call (215) 365-3118. John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum, 8601 Lindbergh Blvd., Philadelphia, PA. 19153 For more information on the Photo Group and the Heinz Refuge visit our website at: <http://www.fws.gov/heinz/>

**\*\*\*\*\*Entry form on other side\*\*\*\*\***